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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

\*. A People's party man is nominated for Congress in Mill's district in Texas. That is too bad.

\*. The Oxford Public Ledger says there is a large number of good Alliance men in Granville county who say they cannot support Cleveland.

\*. After the conventions are all over and the bloods who want office are left, there will be a scrambling to get into the only great party in existence. Just wait.

\*. Ten of the thirteen Congressional districts in Texas have nominated People's party candidates. The other three will later. Do the papers say anything about this?

\*. If those who are so frightened about the force bill would do more to force the rascals to the rear and let honest men rule, they would be more thought of.

\*. "Jim Weaver and Jim Fields." The two "Jims" will carry the day and don't you forget it. Jim the "Weaver" will carry the union labor forces and it is a sorry farmer that won't vote for a "Field."

\*. The Southern papers are careful to say that "Weaver was an officer in the army that fought against the South." Well, "Field" was in the army that fought against the North. That makes it even.

\*. "We shall publish the Third party platform next week. It has one unchallengeable excellence—it is short," says the Gastonia Gazette. Yes, and you might have added that there is something in it, too.

\*. In the following sentence are all the letters of the alphabet: "Pack my box with five dozen liquor jugs." At the same time, it will be noticed that there is no command to fill the jugs with liquor of any kind.

\*. Miss Frances Willard, the famous temperance woman, says Harrison is a better man than Cleveland, morally, but that the least among the Prohibition and People's party candidates are better men than either.

\*. We are inclined to think that the "appeal to the South to remain solid" by the New York Sun, is the biggest joke the Democratic party has ever played on itself. It is like hiring the devil to christianize the country.

\*. We are against political fusion of any kind, but are glad to learn that the Democrats and Republicans in several States will put out no ticket, but will vote the People's party ticket. Boys, we have got 'em. Stand to your guns.

\*. Mr. J. T. Wyatt, of Rowan county, has been again appointed to collect minerals, etc., for exhibition at the next State Fair. He made a success last year. Send specimens to him at Salisbury. He will pay postage and freight.

\*. At a meeting of Lockville Alliance last Saturday, three new members were initiated, two were elected to be initiated at next meeting and two received for ballot next meeting. This Alliance is in a flourishing condition, says the Alliance Echo.

\*. It is reported that Dr. Blackhall caught a 300-pound turtle at Morehead a few days ago. That is one of the doctor's turtle stories. Capt. W. B.

Kendrick says he caught 130 pounds of bluefish one morning before breakfast, had then cooked and eat every scrap himself. That is one of the Captain's fish stories. The polls are now closed for this season.

\*. A few of the old party bosses proceeded to hold a mass meeting, but could muster only ten men, all told, which was composed of lawyers, merchants and doctors, and represents Cleveland's strength in this county, says the Lebanon, Mo., Sentinel.

\*. The New York Herald correspondent telegraphed that paper that the applause lasted 38 minutes by his watch when the reading of the platform was finished at Omaha. Did you ever hear of such enthusiasm? Don't it look like there was harmony?

\*. There will be a meeting of prominent horse-breeders in Raleigh on the 17th and 18th of August. There will be three trotting races each day by two and three-year old thoroughbreds. Purse, \$100 each. National Association rules will govern. Low rates will be given on railroads.

\*. The Democrats are already claiming that the Carnegie Steel Works tragedy is the result of Republican legislation. Gentlemen, name a single bill that has been passed without the votes of Democratic Congressmen or one that has been defeated without votes from the same source.

\*. The Charlotte Observer "wonders" if Jerry Simpson won't claim the big wheat crop there as one of the results of his congressional labors. We don't know that he will, but when the farmers go to market it and don't get what it cost, they will wish there was three hundred more Jerry Simpsons in Congress.

\*. In every case where there is a fusion between the People's party and either of the old parties, it is to be hoped that all men of sense and good intentions will see to it that the fusion ticket is sat down upon with sufficient vim to bust it wide flat. If a man don't know where to go, he should remain at home and stuff sausage meat into himself.

\*. The banks in North Carolina are declaring 4 and 5 per cent. semi-annual dividends. In other words they are making 8 and 10 per cent. above all expenses—and those things are not always given in full—while the farmers are declaring 10 and 20 per cent. loss. The People's party is the remedy. Will you show your sense by voting that way?

\*. Frank McGrath, who was President of the Kansas State Alliance for a year, has withdrawn from the Alliance because the People's party nominated an ex-Confederate soldier for Congress in his district. That is a pretty excuse indeed! Such a man must have a soul like unto a mustard seed. But there are over a hundred thousand there who didn't withdraw.

\*. A committee, selected for the purpose, will formally notify Grover Cleveland of his nomination on the 20th of this month. The Chicago Convention nominated Grover on the 23d of June, and he hasn't found it out yet. It will take him two years to find out that Col. Weaver is running the Washington ranch, if he is so slow to find out that he is nominated.

\*. A well-known Democrat, who has been resisting the fascinations of the People's party all the time, says he is now a member, since he heard that after all the free coinage talk and the Democratic House saying it was no use to pass the bill for the Senate would defeat it, and at last the Republican Senate passed the bill. He says "no more old parties" for him.

\*. The Wilmington Star thinks the proper thing to do during the campaign, instead of paying speakers and brass bands, is to raise a fund to send hundreds of copies of country newspapers into the homes of people who don't read much. That is a good idea. We would be glad to know that every family in America could have a newspaper for a while. But education is the tap-root. Educate the children and they will make readers.

\*. And they say Weaver has been an office seeker. Perhaps he has. But as nine-tenths of humanity are afflicted with that disease it can hardly be called a crime. However, Weaver has "gotten there" on several occasions. Another offense is that he "was defeated for President on the Greenback ticket. Somehow we have heard that Cleveland was defeated on the Democratic ticket in 1888. Several other prominent Democrats have been defeated also, at various times. Next.

\*. The New York Herald thinks the "People's party can get up more enthusiasm on short notice than any party in existence." That is correct. When it got up 1,460 delegates to the Omaha Convention while other big parties only had 600 or 700 each, it looks like business. When they cheered wildly for 38 minutes after the platform was read, it looked like business.

Fellow-citizens, the People's party is the John L. Sullivan among the parties, anyhow. Their knees knock together whenever the young giant is mentioned.

\*. Col. J. P. Caldwell, of the Charlotte Observer, has written the most sensible editorial about the Omaha business that we have seen from the anti-side. If Col. Joe had the party collar off a little while he could do the convention full justice. When we consider that the Democratic party, in the good old days, when its leaders were honest, fully endorsed such "vagaries" as the Omaha platform contains, we wonder why all good Democrats don't go to the new party. Perhaps they will later on.

## GREATEST ON EARTH.

In the language of the circus poster the Prohibition party is the only "really religious and strictly moral" party in the country. The People's party is the greatest party on earth. Now if both of these parties could get together under one tent, wouldn't they make a circus for the old parties to look at. "Leaders see it all at one price. Privates and children, half price."

## NOT AT ALL.

Some are asking (and it is a sensible question) if new party men won't become corrupt and do just like the old ones. Perhaps some will. Human nature is weak. But our hope lies in the fact that new party men will not be supported and elected by the wicked, corrupt boddies of the country. They will not pay in campaign boodle and get them under obligations as the corporations and moneyed men now place the old party men. They will not fear to incur the anger of such men, for they will be stubbornly antagonized by them from the start. Now party men will run on their own and the merit of the party platform. No, there is not the tenth part of the danger of their falling from grace.

## THE TEN CAUSES.

Peter Cooper stated that during his long business life he had witnessed ten disastrous industrial depressions, all ways from the same cause; always and uniformly from a destruction or suppression of the money of the country, says Congressman John Davis. And British history informs us that under the influence of the Peel contraction bill, four-fifths of the land-holders of England, through bankruptcy and forced sales, lost their lands. The people were without employment, and were suffering everywhere for the commonest necessities of life. The suffering country was relieved by five money bills introduced in a single night by Lord Castlereagh and passed under a suspension of the rules as matters of urgent necessity. Every bill was designed to increase money facilities. The relief was sudden and effective.

## THE HOMESTEAD TROUBLE.

Some days ago Andrew Carnegie, the Homestead, Pa., steel manufacturer, reduced the wages of his 3,800 workmen from 10 to 40 per cent. according to the position they held. It is alleged that he did this for the purpose of raising campaign funds. His men at once quit work. Carnegie has been trying to get cheap labor since. The workmen had nothing before them but starvation, and they determined to resist any introduction of foreign labor. Last Wednesday night three hundred Pinkerton detectives came up the river on which the factory is situated and attempted the force their way into the building. They came on coal barges to which was attached a steam tug boat. Somehow the news spread and the workmen armed themselves, planted a cannon where it would render service. The Pinkerton men at once opened fire on the workmen. Several were killed and wounded. The workmen returned the fire, killing eight or ten detectives and wounding thirty seven. The cannon began to damage the tug boat. It steamed away, leaving the barges without locomotive power. Many barrels of oil were poured in the river and set on fire with the hope of burning the barges, but this, fortunately, was a failure. But a steady fire was kept up from both sides of the river and the detectives were forced to surrender unconditionally, as they could not escape. A flag of truce was shot down four times by the infuriated workmen, before they finally desisted. The sheriff of the county had summoned 2,000 men in Pittsburgh, but only 25 consented to go. The invasion of the Pinkerton men was illegal, and no one feels sorry for them. The workmen are still holding the fort and are likely to win. They are right. Their labor has built up the immense fortune of Carnegie, and he has no right to reduce their wages and bring in foreign workmen. Laboring people must defend their rights with their lives and their votes.

## THERE NOW.

North Carolina is undoubtedly for free silver. It is right. Twenty-nine State Democratic platforms have declared for it. Yet the delegates to the Chicago Convention surrendered to Wall street and left it out of the platform by making a meaningless plank that declares that there shall be no change. Yet some of the popgun Democratic papers are feebly trying to make voters believe that plank means free coinage. Here is what the Atlanta Journal says, and as it is the leading Democratic paper in the South, those who are trying to convince themselves that the Chicago Convention was not a base deceiver, should now stop and think. The Journal says:

"The free silver issue will play very little part in the present campaign. Both the great parties have declared against it in their platforms and both are too much divided on it to attempt to bring it forward as one of the questions to be decided in this contest."

## A BUSINESS CHAT.

Farmers, let's lay aside politics and parties for a few minutes and talk strictly business and horse sense. When Providence cuts off your crop of grain, cotton or tobacco, or your hogs die with cholera, you should not complain, for no earthly power can prevent that.

This is the year 1892. You have made a very good crop of wheat, but the outlook for corn, cotton and tobacco is not so good at present, it being damaged by rain. But we hope, even yet, that a fair crop will be made. However, unless there is a change you will not receive actual cost for the results of your toil. You didn't last year. You are now aware that "overproduction" is not the cause, for such an assertion is to say that Providence has made a mistake, and we know that millions of people go to bed hungry every night. There is not a village or town in the United States that has not people who are scarcely able to exist. But if you should produce twice as much as you do that would be no cause for suffering. Think of a horse starving in a corn crib, surrounded by oat stacks and loads of clover hay. Has a man any cause for complaint if he has great loads of eatables all around him and access to a clothing factory? Don't you see that the causes assigned by the plutocrats are absurd?

Now we will draw another picture. A merchant opens a store with a stock of goods worth \$10,000. By force of circumstances he is compelled to sell at a little less than cost all the time. Expenses go on, he hopes against hope. He must either make an assignment or quit business, sooner or later. Now every farmer in the United States is doing business on the same plan. You are getting poorer every year; your land, horses, everything has depreciated in value until you cannot get more than half as much for them. This is the state of affairs in the New

England States where the farms are in hearing of factories and city bells (home markets) It is the same in the great West. It is the same in the South. Cattle raisers are in the same boat with cotton raisers. The fine stock raising sections of Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky and Ohio are financially ruined, and all because the people have no money to buy.

There are four great parties before the country. You are willing to admit that Providence is not to blame for this state of affairs. Then the politicians and their cohorts—the plutocrats—must be to blame. You must see by this time that only by organization, education and well directed ballots can the wrongs be righted. Then it is your duty to stand solidly in the Alliance, perpetuate its principles, read reform literature and study your interests when you affiliate with any of the parties.

## THE COUNTY MEETINGS.

Next Thursday and Friday are the days upon which the County Alliance's will be held. The indications are that they will be pretty well attended. The Order is in a healthy condition in most sections. Some important work should be attended to at these meetings. Delegates to the State Alliance will be elected. Care should be taken in this, for efforts will be made, in a quiet manner, to push forward regular politicians for these places. Watch out for them. Elect none but actual farmers, quiet honest men. There is no need of People's party, Democratic or Republican gas bags, who will do their best to introduce partisan resolutions in the State meeting. Don't send men to the State meeting who can do nothing but speechify. Send men who know how to plow, men that are real reformers and who have stood by the Alliance like men. The officers of each County Alliance should go to the meetings determined to keep down anything of a partisan nature. All these precautionary preparations are necessary during a campaign. Remember that "orators" are not needed, men who don't talk much with their mouths are the need of the hour.

## SOME QUESTIONS.

Zeke Bilkins rang our telephone bell the other morning and proceeded to insist on being gorged with information. He first wanted to know how and why it is that ministers of the Gospel tote temperance pledges around for signers, preach against liquor and saloons, pray God that all such degraded places of business be closed, and then when election comes refuse to vote the Prohibition ticket and vote the Republican or Democratic instead.

We can't tell Zeke why it is. Perhaps the preachers are trying to deceive their Master and their church members when they pray for all those things to be blotted out and then vote for a continuance.

Then he wanted to know why it is that farmers and mechanics wear long and solemn faces, declare they are ruined, that they can't get cost for their labor, that the plutocrats are robbing them, that the old parties have deceived the people time and again, that they have no confidence in them, that they will not vote for any man or party that is against certain reforms, and yet after all this blubbering stick to the old parties.

We wish we could tell Uncle Zeke just how it is. We think they are much like the preachers. They think they can deceive their Creator, their neighbors and friends by howling one way and voting the other. All such people ought to sit down and think just one whole day and then they would act differently.

## COL. CLEVELAND.

Some of our exchanges are angry because THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER said Cleveland belonged to the force bill brigade. They say he was "one of the first men to point out its dangers in a public speech."

We do not deny that. He is an attorney for the Wall street rogues who got the bill up and may have helped to frame it. It is more than likely that he knew all about it and was consulted as to the probability of its being a good thing to fool the people with, so as to allow the plutocrats a few more years to plunder the public. It is certain that leading Democrats have had a hand in the business, and equally certain that if the force bill becomes a law a large number of votes will be given by Democrats.

There is another phase to this question. When the force bill was first introduced the Republicans had a majority in both houses. Czar Reed, of Maine, was Speaker of the House. If it was ever to be passed it would have went through like a streak then.

As to Cleveland's making speeches against the force bill, that is a small matter. Some of the biggest and meanest Republicans that ever lived have

done that. Not long ago John Sherman made a speech in the Senate and urged his fellow Senators "to be honest. But Sherman is the biggest rascal in the Senate. We have no more faith in Cleveland's alarm about the force bill than we have in Sherman's advice people to be honest."

## LETTER FROM HON. S. B. ALEXANDER.

He Stands Squarely Upon the National and State Platforms.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U. S. WASHINGTON, D. C., July 1, 1892.  
W. P. Oldham, Esq.—Dear Sir: I received your letter of the 29th, stating that you wrote the unsigned letter, received by the letter to Col. Moore I stated that information relating to some of the critics, etc., and I did not refer to them. When I stated in that letter that I supported the State and National tickets, it did not occur to me that anyone would doubt that I endorsed the State and National platforms more than one would doubt a Presbyterian endorsing the "Confessing Faith." But that you may not misunderstand me, I state that I endorse the Democratic State platform made by the State Democratic Convention held in the city of Raleigh, N. C., in May last, and the National Democratic platform made by the National Democratic Convention held in the city of Chicago, Ill., in June last. I have been in every campaign since the war—sometimes as a private, sometimes as an officer—and have done my duty to the Democratic party as best I could. If there be some who want to fight me for the nomination, or even scratch me at an election, they have a right to do so. The Democratic party has always contended for the greater liberty to the citizen, and while I would appreciate a re-nomination, I would not have any one to vote for me who is conscientiously opposed to me. Yours truly,  
S. B. ALEXANDER.

It has only been a short time since Capt. Alexander wrote a letter saying he fully endorsed the St. Louis platform. As the National Democratic platform contains nothing resembling that platform, we cannot see how many different platforms can be endorsed. The Alliance members over North Carolina are endorsing the St. Louis platform almost unanimously, and swear that they will vote nothing else unless it is something better. We think there is danger of carrying this "endorsing" and letter writing business to an excess.

## A MAGNIFICENT OFFER.

Fomeroy's Advanced Thought, the foremost magazine of its kind in the country, and which is published in New York, through its noble editor who was a warm admirer of President Polk, makes the following generous offer, which will interest all our people and for which we tender the hearty thanks of all his friends:

"Col. Polk left a wife and three children in other than comfortable circumstances. Instead of working to support his family, he labored to advance a cause that was dear to him. If he served in his glorious work of helping to build up a party of the People will contribute eight thousand dollars and trust it to us for investment. We will add one thousand dollars thereof and find parties who will add another thousand thereto, and will invest the ten thousand where it will bring to the widow and children of Col. Polk five hundred dollars every six months for fifteen years, and at the end of the fifteen years will bring them the full sum of ten thousand dollars, and we will personally guarantee the payment of the interest and the principal as the same falls due. One dollar from each Farmers' Alliance in this country that invested would prove a great help to those he loved and left behind as his grand soul went marching on."

The Advance Thought proposes to raise \$2,000 of the sum if others will raise \$8,000, which, no doubt, will be done.

## THE VOTE.

It will be interesting to many to know how the delegates voted at Omaha, by States. Here is the vote reported:

	PRESIDENT.	V. PRESIDENT.
Alabama.....	43	20
Arkansas.....	25	22
California.....	25	10
Colorado.....	6	10
Connecticut.....	8	2
Delaware.....	1	1
Florida.....	16	5
Georgia.....	12	12
Idaho.....	41	42
Illinois.....	41	39
Indiana.....	54	5
Iowa.....	62	39
Kansas.....	40	38
Kentucky.....	40	39
Louisiana.....	32	7
Maine.....	6	2
Maryland.....	9	13
Massachusetts.....	13	30
Michigan.....	59	51
Minnesota.....	27	9
Mississippi.....	27	24
Missouri.....	7	37
Montana.....	12	12
Nebraska.....	23	8
Nevada.....	7	7
New Hampshire.....	4	15
New Jersey.....	4	15
New Mexico.....	29	1
North Carolina.....	11	1
Ohio.....	30	36
Oregon.....	16	29
Pennsylvania.....	29	29
Rhode Island.....	1	1
South Carolina.....	1	15
South Dakota.....	1	22
Tennessee.....	45	22
Texas.....	60	48
Vermont.....	48	48
Virginia.....	48	48
Washington.....	16	10
West Virginia.....	17	22
Wisconsin.....	7	41
Wyoming.....	9	9
Arizona.....	..	..
New Mexico.....	..	..
Oklahoma.....	8	..
District of Columbia.....	8	..
Indian Territory.....	..	..
Alaska.....	..	..
Total.....	905	205